

LATEST NORTH CAROLINA CROP BULLETIN.

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Gathering early corn has made some progress; late corn has suffered some from dry weather, but is very good on low lands. Cotton continues to open rapidly despite the cool weather and there is indication of much premature opening on account of rust; many correspondents report the crop nearly all open, and from one-half to two-thirds picked out; estimates of yield range from one-half to two-thirds of an average crop; cool nights have injured cotton, and conditions otherwise were not conducive to growth or maturity of top crop. Cutting tobacco is advancing towards completion in the north-central counties, and it is curing well. Making sorghum syrup is underway. The yield of peas will be short, but an excellent crop of pea-vine hay will be saved; cutting the vines is advancing under favorable conditions. Crimson clover, sweet and late Irish potatoes, and turnips would be benefited by rain. The ground is too dry for plowing in the east, but is in better condition in this respect in the west, where preparations for sowing wheat are advancing rapidly, with indications that a large crop will be sown.

A Tribute to Col. Polk.

Concluding one of the very entertaining series of reminiscence articles ~~is~~ ^{is} writing for the Charlotte Observer, Mr. C. S. Wooten recently paid the following tribute to the founder of The Progressive Farmer, a tribute which, we are sure, will be read with interest by many of our subscribers:

"I may bring upon myself the censure of some little boot-lick, who pushes his head under some man's coat tail, but I don't care for him. I belong to no man, I think for myself, I ask nobody else to think for me. I thank God I have no boss. I never could stand the yoke of a party or a church. I try to do my duty to my church, but I can't stand to be checked too high. I chafe under the restraint. Col. L. L. Polk used to say that there were only two paths for a man to follow. One was if he were big enough to make his own way and compel others to follow him, and the other was to get under the wing of some great man. Col. Polk was a man of noble, generous impulses and was a philanthropist. He was an orator. When speaking there was a bright, sunny smile over his face. He was so smooth, so gentle that he electrified the audience and drew everybody to him. When discussing the wrongs of the farmer and he reached the climax by asking 'Who is the sovereign, the dollar or the citizen?' the effect was wonderful. He carried the people in sight of the promised land, but they deserted him and they kissed the hand of the man who smote them.

corn "And now the politicians of both

parties are inveighing against trusts and deluding the poor ignorant people and they have no more sense than to believe that the politicians are in earnest. No man on earth ever achieved such a political revolution as Polk did in Kansas in 1890. The State had gone 80,000 Republican in 1888 and in 1890 it went overwhelmingly for the reform movement, defeated Ingalls, the idol of Kansas, and at that time the most learned man in the Senate. Polk produced it by his eloquence. No man in this country ever equaled him in achieving such a victory. I was in Texas in 1891 and I heard a man from Kansas, say that he had voted for Lincoln the first time, and had voted the Republican ticket ever since, but he said he could not help following Col. Polk, for, said he, Polk is the greatest orator I ever heard of and I want to see him President. Whenever he went over the State, the people flocked to hear him, and were fascinated and charmed by his matchless eloquence. I never saw any man have such a winning smile when speaking. It is no wonder that he should have been such a power among the industrial classes. If ever you sat under the witchery of his eloquence, he would steal your heart away. He gave his life for the cause of oppressed humanity.

"They never fail who die
In a great cause; the block may
soak their gore,
Their heads may sodden in the sun;
their limbs
Be strung to city gates or castle
walls
But still their spirit walks abroad.
Though years
Elapse and others share as dark a
doom
They but augment the deep and
sweeping thoughts
Which overspreads all others and
conduct
The world at last to freedom."

The following note regarding a regular Progressive Farmer correspondent, will be of interest to many readers:

Friday morning we had a most pleasant call from Mr. O. W. Blacknall, of Kittrell. Mr. Blacknall is the largest strawberry grower in the world. He cultivates 200 acres in this berry, and has the largest sale of plants of any nurseryman in the whole country. He is also a large producer of the field pea. From 100 acres in cultivation this year he will produce more than 1,000 bushels of peas and 100 tons of very superior hay. Mr. Blacknall is one of the best informed men of the South. His pen has done much, not only for the improvement of the horticultural and agricultural interests of the State and the South, but as a literary writer also. He is entirely a self-made man.—Durham Thrift.

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